

TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. R16-0_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS URGING THE DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO HONOR ADDISON'S 30 YEAR COMMITMENT TO DART AND ITS CONTRIBUTION OF MORE THAN \$250 MILLION BY APPROVING A 2017 FINANCIAL PLAN THAT INCLUDES A REVENUE START DATE OF 2022 OR SOONER FOR THE COTTON BELT RAIL LINE AND MAINTAINING FUNDING IN THE FY2017 BUDGET THAT IS DEDICATED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COTTON BELT RAIL LINE FROM DFW AIRPORT TO PLANO AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Addison joined with 12 other cities in 1983 to pursue the development of a regional rail mass transit system that included the Cotton Belt line as an integral part of the entire system to benefit the region; and

WHEREAS, Addison has contributed in excess of \$250 million and continues to contribute in excess of \$1 million every month to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system to further its effort to create a regional rail system that serves the entire region and all of DART's member cities; and

WHEREAS, the Cotton Belt line is the only line identified in the original plan that has yet to have any portion constructed and it is critical to achieving an effective regional rail system; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 years after its creation, Addison is the only founding member city without rail service; and

WHEREAS, there is an unprecedented opportunity to save nearly \$2 billion to construct the Cotton Belt line now; and

WHEREAS, DART Staff believes that it is financially feasible for DART to pursue both the Cotton Belt Line with a revenue start date of 2022 or sooner and the D2 line with the City of Dallas' locally preferred option as part of the 2017 Financial Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, THAT:

1. Addison urges the DART Board of Directors to honor the Town's 30 commitment to DART and to adopt a 2017 Financial Plan that includes a revenue start date of 2022 or sooner for the Cotton Belt line.

2. Addison urges the DART Board of Directors to maintain the funding in the adopted FY 2017 budget that is dedicated for development of the Cotton Belt line from DFW Airport to Plano.

3. Addison supports inclusion of both the Cotton Belt line and the D2 line in DART's 2017 Financial Plan and in DART's 2017 Budget.

4. This Resolution shall be effective from and after its date of passage

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS,
this the 29th day of September, 2016.

Todd Meier, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Bell, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brenda N. McDonald, City Attorney